



# The Toni Times

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COUNCILMEMBER TONI ATKINS

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## 2003 AUDIT FINALLY COMPLETED!

With the long-awaited completion of the 2003 audit, the City of San Diego is on track for an improved credit rating and ability to borrow money at more affordable interest rates. Not only will this mean the City will save money, it will also enable a variety of deferred and delayed projects to get underway. The next steps in this process will be completion of the 2004 and 2005 audits, which is anticipated to occur by August of this year.

The 2003 audit was long delayed and extraordinarily expensive, in part because of weak internal financial practices at the City. Sixteen different versions of the City's financial statements for 2003 were required by audit firm KPMG and 66 different misstatements of the City's financial condition, some based on transactions going back as far 50 and 100 years, were discovered. These errors were prominent among the reasons for financial rating agencies downgrading the City's credit, effectively barring us from the public bond market. Since then, projects have been stalled except for those funded by more expensive private borrowing.

These poor internal controls have now been identified, both by City Auditor John Torell, who was hired in 2005, and by the Kroll Report. Many have already been corrected and plans are well underway for fixing other problems like the City's lack of an integrated financial

database, which makes it impossible for us to produce basic reports and analyses.

As a member of the City's newly formed Audit Committee, one of my highest priorities is to ensure that we have an effective and independent internal auditing function. We can no longer have staff who are beholden

to the City's management overseeing the financial work of management, as has happened in the past. This internal audit function is over and above the work that is done by outside audit firms like KPMG and our new auditors, Macias and Gini. The internal auditor's job is to make sure that our financial management is effective, accurate, and honestly presented. The external auditor's job is to determine whether or not the internal auditor has succeeded. That success depends on the internal auditor's ability to freely criticize management practices.



The City has been without an internal auditor since the departure of John Torell earlier this year. The Audit Committee will work closely with the Mayor's office to recruit a new auditor who has the skill and independence required to avoid repeating past mistakes. In addition, a revision of the City Charter appears necessary in order to make the auditor completely separate from the city's management team. This change is expected to be on the ballot for a vote of the people in 2008.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION IMPROVED WITH NEW PROGRAM

Have you ever been frustrated when attempting to research City Council docket items online and found that the related attachments were not available? This will no longer be a problem under a new customer service innovation announced by City Clerk Elizabeth Maland.

On-line docket exhibit back-up material will be available starting with the March 26, 2007 docket. This will allow the public access to all of the documents available to City Councilmembers for review before a vote. Prior to this new service, customers either had to come to the Office of the City Clerk or phone and request copies of the material submitted as back-up material for each item on the City Council Agenda.

When implemented, the office of the City Clerk will scan and upload the hard-copy documents received from departments in order to make this material available electronically. The information will be posted by item within the body of the Expanded City Council Agenda. A hyperlink below the item number and title will read: "View referenced exhibit back-up material."



I am very excited about this user-friendly program which will contribute to greater transparency in our City government. I commend City Clerk Elizabeth Maland and her staff for their use of technology to improve access to public information.

To view or download the City Council Meeting Docket, please visit <http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/Website/city-docket>

## COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE STREET FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

The spring and summer months are filled with festivities throughout the Third Council District. Please mark your calendars for the following events. For more information, please call my office at (619) 236-6633. I hope to see you there!

### **Adams Avenue Roots Festival**

Sat, April 21<sup>st</sup> (10am-9pm); Sun, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (10am-6pm)  
Adams Avenue, from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Wilson Avenue

### **Earth Fair**

Sun, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (10am-5pm)  
Balboa Park

### **North Park Festival**

Sun, May 20<sup>th</sup> (10am-6pm)  
University Avenue, between 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets

### **City Heights International Village Celebration**

Sat, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (10am-6pm)  
City Heights Urban Village

### **Old House Fair**

Sat, June 16<sup>th</sup> (10am-4pm)  
30<sup>th</sup> & Beech Streets

### **Talmadge Block Party**

Sat, July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Adams Avenue & Jean Drive (near traffic circle)

### **SD LGBT Pride**

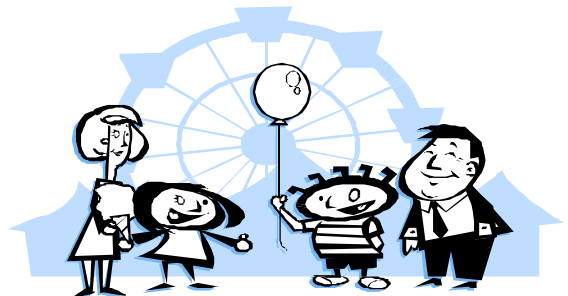
Sat, July 21<sup>st</sup> (noon-10pm); Sun, July 22<sup>nd</sup> (11am-8pm)  
Hillcrest/Balboa Park

### **City Fest**

Sun, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> (10am-7pm)  
5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Upas Street to University Avenue

### **Adams Avenue Street Fair**

Sat, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> (10am-9pm); Sun, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> (10am-6pm)  
Adams Avenue, between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets



# WHAT IS STAR/PAL?

*Courtesy of Chandani Flinn, Executive Director of STAR/PAL*

STAR/PAL (STAR stands for Sports, Training, Academics and Recreation and PAL stands for Police Athletic League) is a nonprofit organization serving over 10,000 youth every year in inner-city and underserved areas of San Diego. Through its multi-dimensional, law enforcement related programming, STAR/PAL assists youth to stay in school and realize their potential to succeed, decrease juvenile delinquency and hence, improve the quality of life for thousands in San Diego.

The San Diego PAL Chapter was founded in 1988 and merged with the STAR organization in April of 1998. At this juncture, the STAR program and the San Diego PAL Chapter agreed to merge programs, staff, volunteers and board of directors. STAR programs were led in the City of San Diego, and PAL primarily served the County areas. This combination sought to ensure that all youth in the region have similar opportunities to participate and reap the benefits of youth programming with law enforcement officers, firefighters and community leaders.



The goals of STAR/PAL are to:

- Keep our youth in school.
- Contribute to the decrease in juvenile crime & violence.
- Develop positive relationships between young people and role models from the entire community.
- Provide positive and structured leisure time opportunities and encourage youth participation.

In the past year, STAR/PAL opened its doors in East City Heights to its new home, providing a “hub” for the organization and their program directors, as well as after-school programs for the youth in this community. With the completion of STAR/PAL’s new facility, law enforcement program directors are working to sustain countywide programming while increasing direct services that keep kids off the street, in school, and away from drugs and violence in one of the most underserved and diverse communities in San Diego. In effect, this facility has solidified STAR/PAL's presence as a strong local nonprofit in the community of East City Heights.

The mission of STAR/PAL is to inspire and aid the youth of greater San Diego to make positive life choices through active participation in educational, athletic and recreational activities in collaboration with community partners.

To learn more about STAR/PAL, please visit/contact:

STAR/PAL Facility  
San Diego National Bank’s Center to Serve Youth  
4110 54<sup>th</sup> St. (located in Colina Park)  
San Diego, CA 92105  
Phone: 619-531-2718  
[www.starpal.org](http://www.starpal.org)

## ADAMS AVENUE ROOTS FESTIVAL IS BACK...

This year marks the 34th Annual Adams Avenue Roots Festival. The event takes place from Saturday April 21 from 10am to 9pm. and Sunday 10am to 6pm. The event is located on Adams Avenue from 34th to Wilson in Normal Heights. The event is sponsored by the Adams Avenue Business Improvement District.

The Adams Avenue Roots and Folk Festival focuses on the rich folk roots and traditions of music styles such as Blues, vintage swing, Appalachian, Norteño, country boogie, old-time string music, cowboy yodeling, Western, Cajun, Celtic, among others. This is a wonderful opportunity for talented musicians to come together in one place and showcase their talent. It’s a fun filled event with a host of resources from a variety of organizations, live music, as well as children’s activities. Please come out and enjoy this family friendly event!



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPENS IN CITY HEIGHTS

On February 22, 2007, I was pleased to attend the open house of the Chicano Federation's City Heights Child Development Center Preschool located in the Metro Center at 3910 University Avenue. The City Heights Child Development Center will be licensed to serve 100 children between the ages of 2-5. The City Heights Child Development Center is the second subsidized preschool established by the Chicano Federation. The first was opened in Barrio Logan in 1998. We are so excited to have an affordable preschool in City Heights. It is adjacent to an affordable housing development and close to transit services, making it convenient for working families. I am a true believer that the wealth of my district is its people. I am pleased that the community, the building owner, Chicano Federation, and the California Department of Education could come together to invest in the families and children of City Heights.



*Left and Right: Councilmember Atkins celebrating the grand opening with Chicano Federation Board Members, Director Klara Pakozdi, Center Director Sandra Ferguson, staff, and property owner, Charles Boxenbaum*



## KEN-TAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ELECTION



Elections were recently held at March's Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee meeting. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing members this

year: Louise Guarnotta, Bill Budd, Gladys Kieta, and Shirley Kelly; you all have done great services to your communities and I hope to continue see you volunteering in Kensington and Talmadge! I would like to congratulate and welcome four new community members to the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee: Carl Davis, Chance Bilmeyer, David Moty, and Deborah Sharpe; I look forward to working with you. Also, I would like to congratulate four incumbents who were re-elected to serve on the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee: Tom Hebrank, Clinton Kisner, David Pfeifer, and Jonathan Tibbitts; your continued services are greatly appreciated!

## SOUTH PARK WALKABOUT



Join the community and local business on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for the quarterly South Park Walkabout! This event is one of my favorite District Three events because the entire community comes out to socialize with their fellow

neighbors and explore the charming businesses along the South Park Business Districts. Local community groups like the South Park Action Council and the South Park Business Association have booths set up with raffle tickets for drawings and South Park T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. The businesses often provide snacks, music, and entertainment for their visitors! This is truly a unique and very fun event! If you are a South Park resident and haven't come out to one of the Walkabouts yet, I sincerely encourage you to do so. If you're not a South Park resident, come on down and enjoy what this community has to offer!



# BUDGET UPDATE:

## FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET PROCESS

### *Key Dates*

Friday, April 13	Mayor Sanders unveils his budget
Monday, April 16	Mayor Sanders presents his budget to City Council
Wednesday, April 18	Chief Financial Officer presents further detail on Mayor's budget to the Budget Review Committee, including update on Five Year Outlook, Eight Significant Areas, Assumptions, Service Levels, and Corrective Actions
Wednesday, April 25	<b>Budget Review Committee:</b> Evening Community Budget Forum (Catamaran Hotel, Mission Beach)
Friday, April 27	Independent Budget Analyst's Preliminary Report on Mayor's Budget Issued
Wednesday, May 2	<b>Budget Review Committee Hearing: Neighborhood and Customer Services.</b> Includes Parks and Recreation; Library; Customer Services, including Community Service Centers; Community Services, including Disabled Services; Arts and Culture and Special Events
Thursday, May 3	<b>Budget Review Committee Hearing: Public Works, Business and Support Services; TransNet.</b> Includes Engineering and Capital Projects, including Capital Improvement Projects; TransNet; Environmental Services; General Services, including Stormwater, Facilities, Streets, Fleet Services, and Publishing; Water and Wastewater
Monday, May 7	<b>Budget Review Committee Hearing:</b> City Clerk, City Attorney
Wednesday, May 9	<b>Budget Review Committee Hearing: Public Safety and Homeland Security, SDCERS, Business and Support Services.</b> Includes Homeland Security; Police; Fire-Rescue; Emergency Medical Services and San Diego Medical Services Enterprise; Administration; Human Resources; Information and Technology; Data Processing Corporation; Office of the Chief Information Officer, including Enterprise Resource Planning; Purchasing and Contracting; San Diego City Employees Retirement System Administration; Qualcomm Stadium and Petco Park
Thursday, May 10	<b>Budget Review Committee Hearing: Land Use and Economic Development, Office of the Mayor, City Council, Independent Budget Analyst.</b> Includes Development Services; Planning and Community Investments; Real Estate Assets; Neighborhood Code Compliance; Ethics Commission; Office of Ethics and Integrity; Office of the Mayor; Community and Legislative Services; Finance/Chief Financial Officer, including Auditor and Comptroller, City Treasurer, Financial Management, Debt Management
Tuesday, May 15	<b>Full Council Hearing:</b> SEDC, CCDC, Redevelopment Agency, Housing Commission (pending approval)
Wednesday, May 16	<b>Budget and Finance Committee:</b> Council Budget Priority Memoranda due to Council President and Mayor's Consolidated Technical Revisions Report due to IBA
Monday, May 21	Full Council Deliberations on Budget
Friday, June 1	Independent Budget Analyst's report on Recommendations to the Mayor's Budget
Wednesday, June 6	<b>Budget and Finance Committee</b> considers final modifications to Mayor's Budget
Monday, June 11	Full Council Decisions on Final Budget Modifications
Tuesday, June 12	Mayor's Veto Period Begins
Wednesday, June 16	Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 19	Mayor's Veto Period Ends
Wednesday, July 11	Budget and Finance Committee: Review of Appropriations Ordinance
Monday, July 23	Introduction of Appropriation Ordinance
Monday, July 30	Adoption of Appropriation Ordinance



# **BUDGET UPDATE: BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

## ***2007 Departmental Budget Hearing Calendar***

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 2:**

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am \* Parks and Recreation
- 11:00 am – 12 noon \* Library
- 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm \* Community Services:
  - Disabled Services
- \* Community Services
  - Other
- \* Customer Services
  - Community Svc. Ctrs.
- \* Arts and Culture (TOT)
- \* Special Promotional Programs (TOT)

### **THURSDAY, MAY 3:**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS, BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

- 9:00 am – 12 noon \* Eng. and Capital Projects
  - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- \* TransNet
- \* Environmental Services
- \* General Services
  - Facilities
  - Streets
  - Fleet Services
  - Publishing
  - Stormwater
- 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm \* Water
- \* Wastewater

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:**

#### **CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY**

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am \* City Clerk
- \* City Attorney

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9:**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, SDCERS, BUSINESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

- 9:00 am – 12 noon \* Homeland Security
- \* Police
- \* Fire-Rescue
- \* Family Justice Center
- \* Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE)

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9: (continued)**

- 2:00pm – 5:30 pm \* Administration
- \* Human Resources
- \* Purchasing and Contracting
- \* Data Processing Corporation
- \* Office of Chief Info Officer
  - Enterprise Resource Planning
- \* Qualcomm Stadium
- \* Petco Park
- \* San Diego City Employees Retirement System (SDCERS) Administration

### **THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2006:**

#### **LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; MAYOR, COUNCIL, IBA, CITY ATTORNEY**

- 9:00 am – 12 noon \* Development Services
- \* Planning and Community Investments
- \* Real Estate Assets
- \* Neighborhood Code
- \* Ethics Commission
- \* Office of Ethics and Integrity
- 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm \* Mayor's Office
- \* Community and Legislative Services
- \* Finance/Chief Financial Officer
  - Auditor/Comptroller (including internal auditing function)
  - City Treasurer
  - Financial Management
  - Debt Management
- \* City Council
- \* Council Administration
- \* Independent Budget Analyst

*Please note: Items may be continued until a later session if necessitated by time constraints.*

## GREATER GOLDEN HILL M.A.D.

The Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation is working to form a Maintenance Assessment District (M.A.D.) for Golden Hill which will include everything east of the I-5, west of I-15, north of the 94, and south of Juniper Street (including the southern half of Juniper). The M.A.D. also includes Golden Hill Park and portions of Balboa Park surrounding the golf course. There are 3,570 properties within the proposed boundaries. If the community votes in favor of establishing a M.A.D. for Golden Hill, the following services would be provided to the Golden Hill community in addition to what the City already provides:

### Beautification and Cleaning Services:

- Trash pick-up twice a week on high-frequency streets, twice a month on other streets
- Sidewalk and gutter sweeping twice a week on high-frequency streets, twice a month on other streets
- Sidewalk weeding twice a week on high-frequency streets, twice a month on other streets
- Enhanced trash receptacles and regular emptying on high frequency streets
- Graffiti clean-up as needed throughout the community
- Bulk item pick-up (such as couches and mattresses) as needed throughout the community
- Hazardous waste removal (such as batteries and car oil) as needed throughout the community
- Sidewalk powerwashing as needed throughout the community
- Sidewalk repair as needed throughout the community
- Canyon clean-up quarterly throughout the community
- Balboa Park trail beautification as needed
- Landscaping as needed throughout the community
- Tree maintenance as needed throughout the community



### Community Projects and Events:

- Banner installation and maintenance
- Newsletter and website communications
- Community events (such as street fairs)

For more information on the proposed MAD, please call the Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation at (619) 696-9992.

## JUST DIAL 5-1-1

### *SAFE launches new mobile program*



The San Diego Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE) has recently launched the Mobile Call Box Program, a service to assist drivers throughout San Diego County. Now, through this publicly funded program, in the event your car breaks down while driving on San Diego County highways and freeways, roadside assistance is easily accessible by dialing 5-1-1 from your cell phone.

## BEAUTIFYING NORTH PARK

I was happy to assist North Park Main Street and the North Park Community Association in organizing a clean-up in North Park on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The clean-up began at the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and University Avenue. Nearly 40 Volunteers showed up to pick up litter along University Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and North Park Way. In addition, two large dumpsters were accessible for people to drop off large items to be hauled away to the landfill.

I would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to participate in the event as well as EDCO for donating the dumpsters. In addition, thanks to all of the local businesses that provided refreshments such as Blissfull Bean, bagels were courtesy of Old World Deli, and pastries were provided by Starbucks. Water was supplied by CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Starbucks. Lunch was served compliments of Lefty's Pizza, Adam Cook and Cuong Nguyen (owners of Bluefoot), and the Lumberjack Grille.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated.

## UPTOWN HISTORIC SURVEY PRESENTED AT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

On February 24th, Councilmember Faulconer and I hosted a community workshop to unveil the Uptown Historic Survey. In 2003, IS Architecture was contracted by the City to prepare a reconnaissance-level historic survey of the Uptown Planning Area. The survey evaluated over 11,000 properties - 4,000 were found to be potentially historic, either as individual historic sites or as contributors. The survey also indentified 19 proposed geographic districts and four proposed thematic districts.

The survey findings will be used during a future Community Plan Update to establish preservation priorities, to define, strengthen and enhance community character and to develop preservation-friendly development strategies. The survey also indicates which properties and neighborhoods need more research to be designated, as either part of the development review process, or to qualify for Mills Act property tax reduction benefits. The survey's innovative electronic format-enabled data analysis in tabular, graphic and mapping formats that can be shared with city departments, as well as updated to reflect changing conditions. It can be viewed on the city's website at :

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/historical/index.shtml>

The survey was reviewed by the Historical Resources Board (HRB) at their March 22nd meeting. The boardmembers received a variety of comments with concerns regarding the survey. HRB staff has compiled the comments and will return to the board with comments and revisions. I wanted to thank Senior Planner and Project Manager Diane Kane with the Planning and Community Investment, Director Betsy McCullough and Cathy Winterrowd, staff to HRB, for their work on the survey and the February presentation. A special thank you to Uptown Planners and Leo Wilson, Chair, for co-hosting the workshop and being a partner in this public discussion.

## BALBOA PARK TO BENEFIT FROM GENEROUS GIFT



March 20th was a special day at City Council when we accepted a generous gift from the Friends of Balboa Park to the people of the City of San Diego and to Balboa Park.

The Balboa Park Information Kiosk project will provide an effective tool for wayfinding through Balboa Park for locals and tourists alike. As contemplated in the Balboa Park Master Plan, these kiosks will provide current information about park institutions on touch screen technology and offer services such as an ATM.

In order to construct the project, the Friends of Balboa Park raised over \$300,000 from donors throughout San Diego. Mrs. Betty Peabody and board president Tom Goad and the Friend's Kiosk Task Force worked over four years to design the project, raise funds and work out an operating agreement with the City.

Now with City Council approval, The Friends will get started on the construction. They plan to build three kiosks to be located near Sefton Plaza, in the Plaza de Panama and near the Bea Evenson Fountain. Again, my heartfelt gratitude to the Friends of Balboa Park and their commitment to the public spaces in Balboa Park.



# District Three Neighborhood Meetings

## City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: (619) 285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. Contact: (619) 584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.

Contact: Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcounty.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. Contact: (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta Concerned Citizens Association: Meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Fairmount Community Church, 4100 Fairmount Avenue.

Contact: (619)584-2360

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4283 El Cajon Blvd. at 6:00pm. Contact: (619) 281-3551.

## Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1648 30th Street, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 696-9992.

## Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

## Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

## North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: (619) 280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at North Park Recreation Center, 4044 Idaho Street. Contact: info@northparksd.org

## South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

## Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

## University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

## Uptown

Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Community Care Center located at 328 Maple Street. Entry is through the parking lot on the west side of the building. Contact: EucalyptusAlert@aol.com

Hillcrest Town Council and Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Neighborhood Watch meets at 6:30pm followed by the Town Council at 7:00pm at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue, Uptown District Shopping Center next to Aladdin Restaurant. Contact: nancy@hillquest.com.

# District Three Community Meetings & Staff Information

## **MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

### **Adams Avenue Business Association**

4649 Hawley Boulevard Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: 619/282-7329

### **City Heights Business Association**

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Phone: 619/516-2282

### **El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association**

3727 El Cajon Boulevard Meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30am. Contact: 619/283-3608

### **Hillcrest Association**

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm. Contact: 619/299-3330.

### **North Park Main Street**

3076 University Avenue Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30am. Contact: 619/294-2501

## **MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS**

### **North Park Project Area Committee**

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm. Contact: Gayle Richardson, Chair, at 619/291-4833.

### **City Heights Project Area Committee**

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave. Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

## **DISTRICT THREE STAFF**

**Denise Price**, Chief of Staff.

**Dale Kelly Bankhead**, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues.

**April Chesebro**, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge and University Heights; Constituent Services Representative to North Park, Normal Heights, South Park and Golden Hill; Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), homeless and senior issues.

**Katrina Crawford**, Council Representative to City Heights; African-American community liaison.

**Stephen Hill**, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to SANDAG Board, environment, canyon preservation, libraries, land use citywide; Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), water and sewer issues, military/veterans issues; Council docket coordinator.

**Pam Ison**, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; citywide housing and redevelopment; SANDAG regional housing; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth and health issues; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); newsletter; webpage.

**Cheli Mohamed**, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

**Monica Pelaez**, Press Secretary/Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; citywide business issues; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison.

**Jeffery Tom**, Council Representative to Balboa Park, Uptown and Hillcrest; Metropolitan Transit System; Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), infrastructure, arts and culture, energy, telecommunications, BID Council liaison.

## **MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Balboa Park Committee**

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.). Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Darlene Davies, Chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

### **City Heights Area Planning Committee**

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Michael Sprague, Chair, 619/255-7902.

### **Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)**

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill. Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

### **Greater North Park Community Planning Committee**

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, (619) 584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com

### **Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group**

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

### **Normal Heights Community Planning Group**

4649 Hawley Boulevard. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm.

Contact: Jim Baross, Chair, JimBaross@cox.net

### **Uptown Planners**

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.